

SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN FORMER FDN OFFICIAL AND
ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON/L4

1. TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST FEATURE ARTICLES ON A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY FORMER ANSESAL CHIEF ROBERTO SANTIVANEZ. ACCORDING TO SANTIVANEZ, FORMER FDN OFFICIAL RICARDO LAU RECEIVED \$120,000 FOR ARRANGING THE DEATH SQUAD EXECUTION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO IN 1980 AND WAS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON AT THAT TIME. SANTIVANEZ ADDED THAT COLONEL LAU WAS SENT TO WORK IN GUATEMALA, TRAINING DEATH SQUAD KILLERS AND ADVISED D'AUBUISSON DIRECTLY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES.4

2. RESPONDING TO INTENSE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ALLEGED HONDURAN/FDN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, [REDACTED] HAS ALREADY EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINK BETWEEN RICARDO LAU AND D'AUBUISSON AND HAS FOUND NO CONNECTION. IN ORDER TO BE

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100 PERCENT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT [REDACTED] QUERY
[REDACTED] RE A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN LAU AND
D'AUBUISSON. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS
MAY PROVIDE ON THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE LINK
BETWEEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOH/FDN AND SALVADORAN/GUATEMALAN
RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS.4

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